

CHARLES B. HUNT.

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Mr. ALGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5682.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5682) granting an increase of pension to Charles B. Hunt, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

Charles B. Hunt, of 424 Tusculum avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was a private in Company C, First Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served from November 30, 1847, to July 26, 1848, in the war with Mexico, and he is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month allowed by law for such service.

He also served as captain Company K, Second Missouri Cavalry, September 6, 1861; as major, December 18, 1861, and lieutenant-colonel from December 1, 1862, and was honorably discharged March 13, 1863, upon tender of resignation. He was mustered in as lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment December 1, 1864, and was mustered out with the field and staff September 19, 1865.

At the beginning of the war with Spain, namely, April 25, 1898, he again rendered service as colonel of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably mustered out October 25, 1898.

When claimant entered the service in the war with Spain he was receiving a pension of \$12.50 for malarial poisoning incurred while ranking as major of the Second Missouri Cavalry in the civil war, but this pension was dropped, and after the Spanish war was over he became a pensioner for Mexican war service, as above stated.

In his petition for relief, Colonel Hunt states that he is 71 years old, and wholly disabled by his age and malarial fever, for which formerly pensioned, and that he has no property or income aside from his pension of \$12 per month as such Mexican survivor.

In view of the claimant's extraordinary record of faithful service in three wars, and the fact that he is now aged and in needy circumstances, your committee believe that the case is one calling for the liberal action of Congress, and the passage of the bill is therefore recommended.